

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION P

March 13, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Tsernoglou, Paiz, Neeley, Brenda Carter, Young, Conlin, Dievendorf, MacDonell, Byrnes, Rheingans, Andrews, Morgan, McKinney, Hood, Brabec and Brixie and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 2 of article XII, to modify the deadline for filing petitions to amend the state constitution.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to modify the deadline for filing petitions to amend the state constitution, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

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ARTICLE XII

1           Sec. 2. Amendments may be proposed to this constitution by  
 2 petition of the registered electors of this state. Every petition  
 3 ~~shall~~**must** include the full text of the proposed amendment, and be  
 4 signed by registered electors of ~~the~~**this** state equal in number to  
 5 at least 10 percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for  
 6 governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor  
 7 was elected. ~~Such~~**The** petitions ~~shall~~**must** be filed with the person  
 8 authorized by law to receive the ~~same~~**petitions** at least ~~120~~**160**  
 9 days before the election at which the proposed amendment is to be  
 10 voted ~~upon~~. ~~Any such petition shall~~**on**. **Petitions must** be in the  
 11 form, and ~~shall~~**must** be signed and circulated in such manner, as  
 12 prescribed by law. The person authorized by law to receive ~~such~~  
 13 ~~petition~~**the petitions** shall upon ~~its~~ receipt determine, as  
 14 provided by law, the validity and sufficiency of the signatures on  
 15 the ~~petition,~~**petitions**, and make an official announcement ~~thereof~~  
 16 **of the validity and sufficiency of the signatures** at least ~~60~~**65**  
 17 days ~~prior to~~**before** the election at which the proposed amendment  
 18 is to be voted ~~upon~~**on**.

19           Any amendment proposed by ~~such~~ petition ~~shall~~**must** be  
 20 submitted, not less than ~~120~~**160** days after ~~it~~**the petition** was  
 21 filed, to the electors at the next general election. ~~Such~~**The**  
 22 proposed amendment, existing provisions of the constitution ~~which~~  
 23 **that** would be altered or abrogated ~~thereby,~~**by the proposed**  
 24 **amendment**, and the question as ~~it~~**the question** shall appear on the  
 25 ballot ~~shall~~**must** be published in full as provided by law. Copies  
 26 of ~~such~~**the** publication ~~shall~~**must** be posted in each polling place  
 27 and furnished to news media as provided by law.

28           The ballot to be used in ~~such~~**the** election ~~shall~~**must** contain  
 29 a statement of the purpose of the proposed amendment, expressed in

1 not more than 100 words, exclusive of caption. ~~Such~~**The** statement  
 2 of purpose and caption ~~shall~~**must** be prepared by the person  
 3 authorized by law, and ~~shall~~**must** consist of a true and impartial  
 4 statement of the purpose of the amendment in such language ~~as shall~~  
 5 **that does not** create ~~no~~-prejudice for or against the proposed  
 6 amendment.

7 If the proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the  
 8 electors voting on the question, ~~it shall become~~**the amendment**  
 9 **becomes** part of the constitution, ~~and shall abrogate~~**abrogates** or  
 10 ~~amend~~**amends** existing provisions of the constitution at the end of  
 11 45 days after the date of the election at which ~~it~~**the amendment**  
 12 was approved. If two or more amendments approved by the electors at  
 13 the same election conflict, that amendment receiving the highest  
 14 affirmative vote ~~shall prevail~~**prevails**.

15 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be  
 16 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election  
 17 in the manner provided by law.